

## Civic Committee Meeting Minutes October 5, 2010

### **Present**

Committee Members: Tom Wheeler, Rodney Jester, Ed Rohrbach, Mick Fitzharris, Valerie Hutchinson

Town Secretary: Elaine Hickey

Guest: Larry Walker

Co-Chair Tom Wheeler convened the meeting at 7:02 PM.

Minutes of the Sept. 7 meeting were approved as presented.

### **Roads**

The Committee has accepted the bid from Downing to repair the roads. Downing wants the exact locations of the cuts and replacements and will get back to us in the next couple of weeks.

David Moon sent a check for \$225.00 to repair the area where he worked on The Sweep. Tom passed the check along to the Town Treasurer.

### **Trees**

Rickerman Tree Service will remove a Tulip Poplar in the fire lane ROW between The Highway and the Forest for \$3200. The Town Officers have approved the work for that amount.

Larry Walker suggested planting new Cherry trees to replace those that have died along Cherry Lane. Ed suggests something other than Cherry trees since they are very susceptible to tent caterpillars and also require a lot of maintenance. Larry suggested the Schroeder Bequest funds be used for this project. The procedure for requesting those funds is still being prepared and should be ready by spring. Tom suggests that Civic coordinate with other committees when we do get around to replacing and planting new trees using the Schroeder funds.

Larry also suggested removing the old rotting telephone poles that were laid along the edge of the Green at Woodland Lane.

Rodney donated money several months ago for planting a tree. He suggests a Copper Beech be planted on Sherwood Green. The planting should be done in the spring.

### **Sherwood Green**

A copy of the Sherwood Green survey was sent to the Trustees and Bonnie Phillips.

The Arden Club has expressed plans to place a meter on a pole on Sherwood Green so that area can be used for the Food Court during the Arden Fair. It is unclear as to whether or not a request has been made to the Town regarding this plan.

### **1911 Orleans drainage issue**

Denis O'Regan had asked the committee to revisit his request that something be done about rain water running onto the 1911 Orleans leasehold from the road.

Committee members, past and present, have looked at the situation during rainfall and have seen a lot of rain running down the road but not a lot of that rain is going onto the leasehold. However, three bids for work to prevent road rain water from running onto the leasehold were procured. The consensus of the committee is that water runoff problems are common in Arden and leaseholders handle them on their own. For the Civic Committee to spend Town funds in an attempt to stop rain water from running onto one

leasehold could lead to other leaseholders making similar requests. If a leaseholder feels it is the responsibility of the Town, then they need to present it to the Town Assembly.

### **New Business**

- United Water has submitted an Excavation Permit request to replace a water service line at 2108 Sherwood. It is urgent since the pipe is leaking.
- United Water is preparing to repair and repaint the Water Tower. There is lead paint on it. They will sand blast the inside and pressure wash the outside. They've made assurances that they comply with all laws and requirements for the safe removal of lead paint. They would also like to put down stone on the access road in order to prevent their equipment from sinking into the ground.
- The repair work that was done at the end of Pond Lane appears to be washing out. Ed will contact Downing about fixing it.
- Ed will ask Ron's Tree Service, which is currently doing work for the Forest Committee, to take out the two nearly-dead Cherry trees on the Arden Green.
- There's been a complaint about the street sign being difficult to read. The newer signs are light wood with the street names written in white. Some signs are missing. Ed will check the Red Book for the name of the company who makes the street signs. Signs impregnated with glass beads to reflect the names at night will be considered.
- The residents of Lower Lane are concerned about the speed at which cars, trucks, and even school buses go on that road. They would like a speed bump installed, but they are costly and cause air pollution. A letter will be sent to the Safety Committee about installing "Children at Play" signs on Lower Lane.

Tom thanked Valerie for writing the article for The Page on Excavation Permits.

**Next meeting** – Tuesday, Nov. 2, 7:00 PM, BWVC

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Hickey  
Secretary, Village of Arden